Mr. K. T. Mathew.—It does not involve so heavy an expenditure, and something may be done.

President.—It shall be looked into.

Conferring financial and executive powers upon the Kunnamkulam Town Improvement Committee.

153. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to the answer given to question No. 116 (legislative session), will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government has come to any decision in the matter of conferring upon the Town Improvement Committee, some financial and executive powers and of introducing the principle of election for the selection of non-official members of the Committee, and if the answer is in the negative, the probable date of coming to a decision?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The Government have not yet come to a decision in the matter. No probable date can be now fixed. The matter will be disposed of as early as practicable.

Proposals of the Town Improvement Committee, Kunnamkulam.

154. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement containing the suggestions made yearly by the Town Improvement Committee, Kunnamkulam, for the improvement of the town from the date of its organisation; their suggestions carried out by the Government; the time when the other suggestions will be carried out and the reasons, if any, if their suggestions will not be carried out?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—A statement containing the information required is appended. (*Vide Appendix III.*) It is not possible to say definitely when all the suggestions will be carried out. It will all depend upon the funds at the disposal of the Government.

The want of a tank in Kunnamkulam Town for the use of cattle.

155. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government or the Superintendent of Agriculture has not received any petition or representation from the people of Kunnamkulam as well as from the Town Improvement Committee, Kunnamkulam, informing that there is no tank in Kunnamkulam Town for the use (bathing) of cattle, and that the absence of such a tank is causing great hardship, and whether any arrangement has been made for removing the hardship, and if no arrangement has been made, whether a tank will soon be provided or reserved for this purpose?

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APPENDIX III.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 154.)

Statement of the list of works suggested by the Town Improvement Committee, Kunnamkulam, for execution in successive years, viz., 1099, 1100 and 1101.

Year	No.	Particulars of suggestion	Remarks
1099	1	Widening of the junction of the four important bazaar streets popularly known as the 'Nadupanthi' by giving a bell mouth.	Not done, cost being prohibitive.
	2	Widening and improving the lane behind the southern and western bazaars and giving an outlet for the same to the western bazaar.	(Not western bazaar but southern bazaar. The mistake was made by the Committee). Done everything except the outlet. The outlet meant is the dismantling of the two-storeyed building which is unnecessary.
	3	Extension of the new road behind the southern bazaar, on the eastern side, to the 'Puthenvettuvazhi' by broadening and improving the already existing lane.	Not done. Requires land acquisition. Will be done when funds permit.
	4	Deepening and widening the experimental well sunk by the public in the Chiralayam bazaar and giving a masonry protection for the same.	Done.
	5	Sinking of a new well in the southern bazaar between the cross church and the 'Nadupanthi'.	No one allows the sinking of a trial pit in the private compound. No *poramboke* available.
	6	Connecting the eastern bazaar and the new road behind on the southern side by acquiring the house at the eastern end and improving the same.	Not done. Requires land acquisition. Will be done when funds permit.
	7	Construction of two cess pits at the eastern terminus of the two new roads behind the eastern bazaar.	Cess pits were found to be doing more harm than good. Hence the drains were extended far away from the bazaar.

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Year	No.	Particulars of suggestion	Remarks
1099 (*cont.*)	8	Sinking of a new well on the Chowghat—Pattambi road near the 'Kunnathangadi.	Not done for want of funds.
	9	Sinking of a new tank close to the western bazaar at the farthest end of the new road running westward from the market by acquiring the necessary site and improving the same.	The site proposed was an areca tope. To acquire this for a tank was a shear waste of money. The tank itself was unnecessary and the cost was prohibitive.
100	1	Repairing the existing sanitary roads.	Done
	2	Completing the Chiralayam Bazaar well.	do
	3	Levelling the newly acquired lane near the old church and constructing cemented drains and a culvert there.	do
	4	Levelling the newly acquired connection road north of the Mission Boys' School.	do
	5	Constructing a semi-oval drain to carry off the sewage falling into the Appithodu.	do
	6	Putting up three culverts on the Kaniambal road.	do
	7	Putting up a culvert on the Pinpiriyam road.	do
	8	Deepening the Thorakulam tank and putting up a ghat for the use of the cattle.	Done without a ghat for cattle, as man and cattle cannot have a common tank.
	9	Levelling the three lanes at Chiralayam.	Partly done last year, the remaining portion is being done this year.
	10	Levelling the Y. M. C. A. lane.	do.

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Year	No.	Particulars of suggestion	Remarks
1100 (*cont.*)	11	Levelling Mr. Abraham's lane.	Not done, as it involves land acquisition. People don't co-operate to give bits of land free.
	12	Levelling Velakathala-Paikadam lane.	Not done for want of funds. Will be done as soon as possible.
	13	Acquiring the necessary land for widening the two parallel lanes on either side of the southern bazaar.	do
	14	Acquiring the bit at the eastern end of the Tazhathangadi.	do
	15	Acquiring a house in the southern row of the eastern bazaar.	Vide items Nos. 6 1099.
	16	Acquiring a well in the southern bazaar between the cross chapel and the Naduppanthi.	Not done, since the well was reported to be rocky at bottom.
	17	Acquiring a well in the Mission quarters.	Not done, since a well will be acquired when the Town Extension Works will be completed.
	18	Acquiring a site for a tank in the western bazaar.	This will be done when funds permit.
	19	Acquiring the sites required for completing the two openings in the Kaniambal road.	Not done for want of funds. Will be attended to when funds permit.
	20	Acquiring sites for extending the Panangayil lane up to the paddy fields.	do
1101	1	Maintaining the existing roads.	Being done.
	2	Improving the Kaniambal road.	do
	3	Completing the Chiralayam and Y. M. C. A. lanes.	do

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Year	No.	Particulars of suggestion	Remarks
1101 (*cont.*)	4	Cleaningthe Kakkad tank.	Being done.
	5	Acquiring a house and a well in the southern bazaar.	Acquisition proceedings are being adopted.
	6	Improving the lane near the house of one P. V. Vareed and the lane from Kakkad to Chalathkundi.	Being done.

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APPENDIX IV.

(*Vide Answer to Question No. 160.*)

President's letter.

The Pulaya Colony at Chalakkudi appears to be in a deplorable and neglected condition at present. It seems that the Colony was started by the Government some years ago with the laudable object of bettering the condition of the depressed classes, and that the Government have been spending amounts every year towards its up-keep, etc., with no appreciable good results. With a view to ameliorate the condition of the backward classes in the State, we desire to offer to take up the work of the Colony, if the Government can entrust it to our care and place at our disposal the amounts annually set apart or spent on it, and we hope that we can bring it to a satisfactory condition.

President.—Now questions and answers are over. The next item is the laying on the table of the statement of emergency expenditure by the Finance Member.

Statments laid on the Table

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Sir, under Rule 52 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place on the table the following statement of expenditure authorised by the Government under